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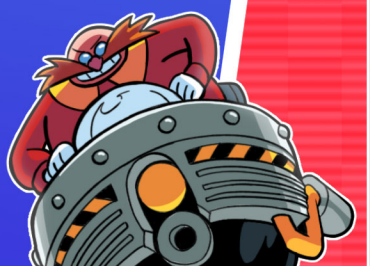

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Thirty-three years ago, a super-fast hero made his mark on the comics industry with the longest running American all-ages comic ever.
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With Little Planet's timeline corrected, Eggman's true plan has entered full-throttle mode! He's set his sights on the legendary once-suspended Angel Island. A failed re-launch attempt of the Death Egg won't bring this mad doctor down, as he's got one final trick up his sleeve–much to the dismay of the island's guardian. **Is this unfamiliar face a friend or a foe?**

Genesis of a Hero Part Four: End of An Era

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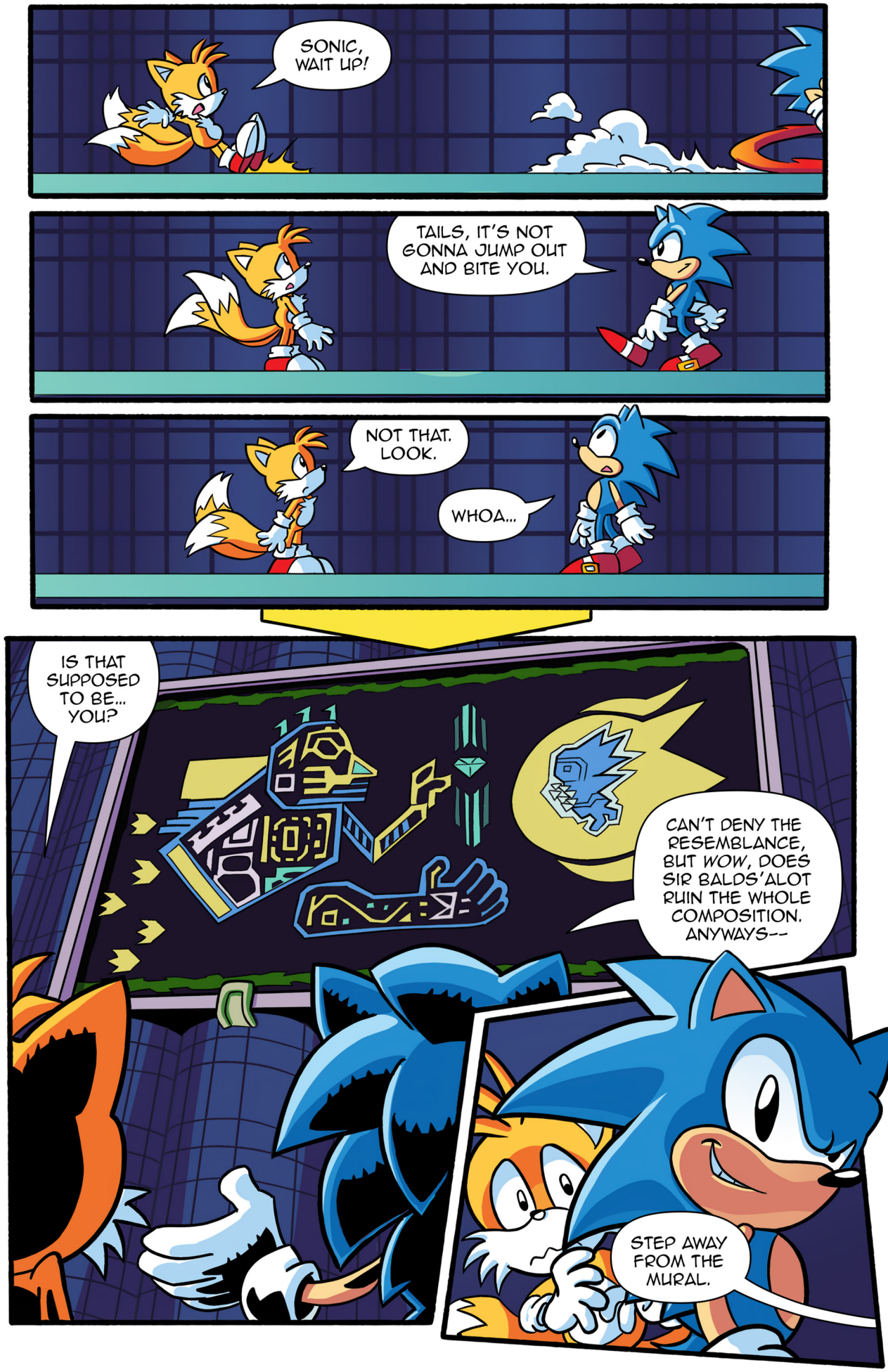
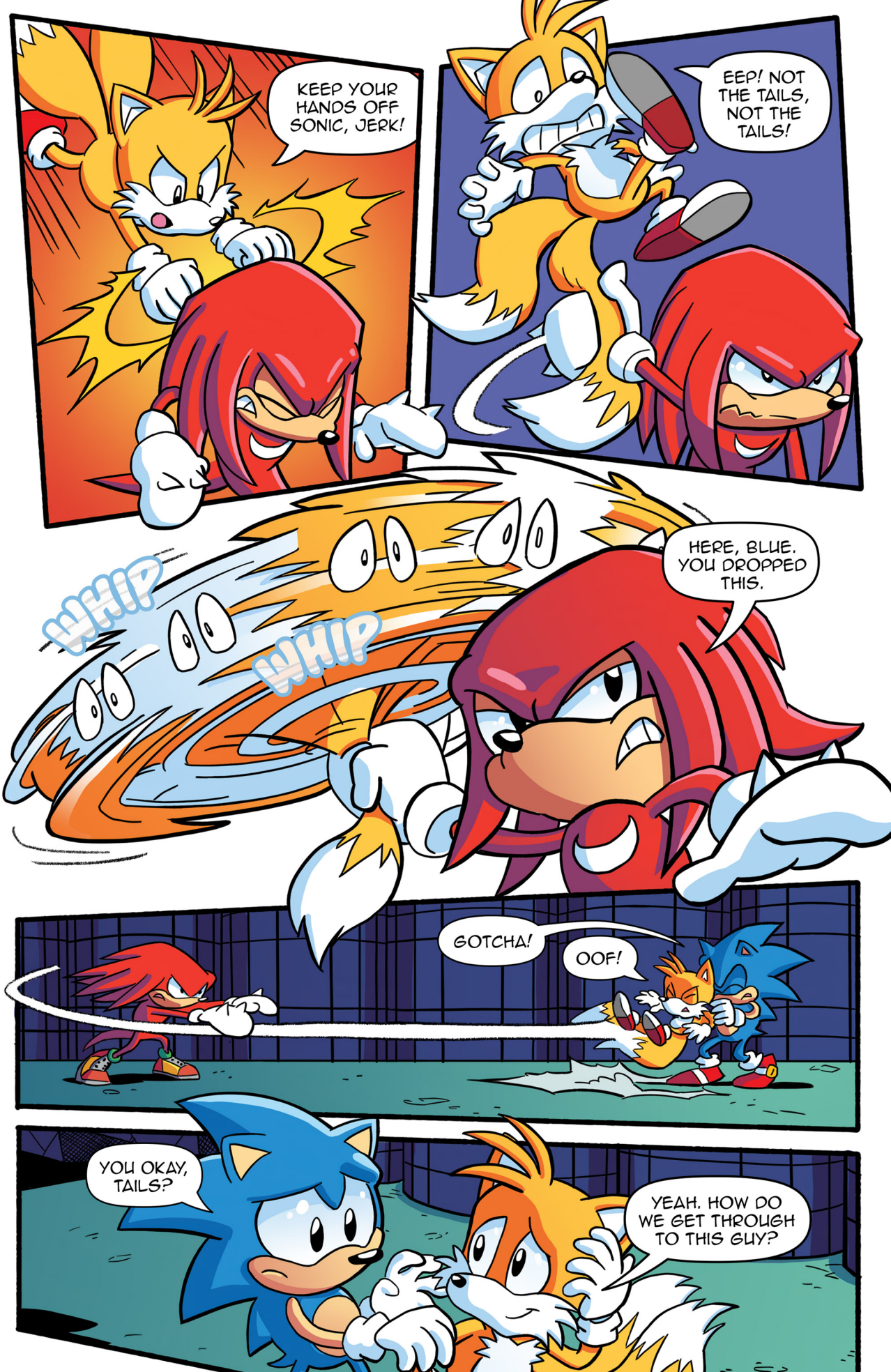
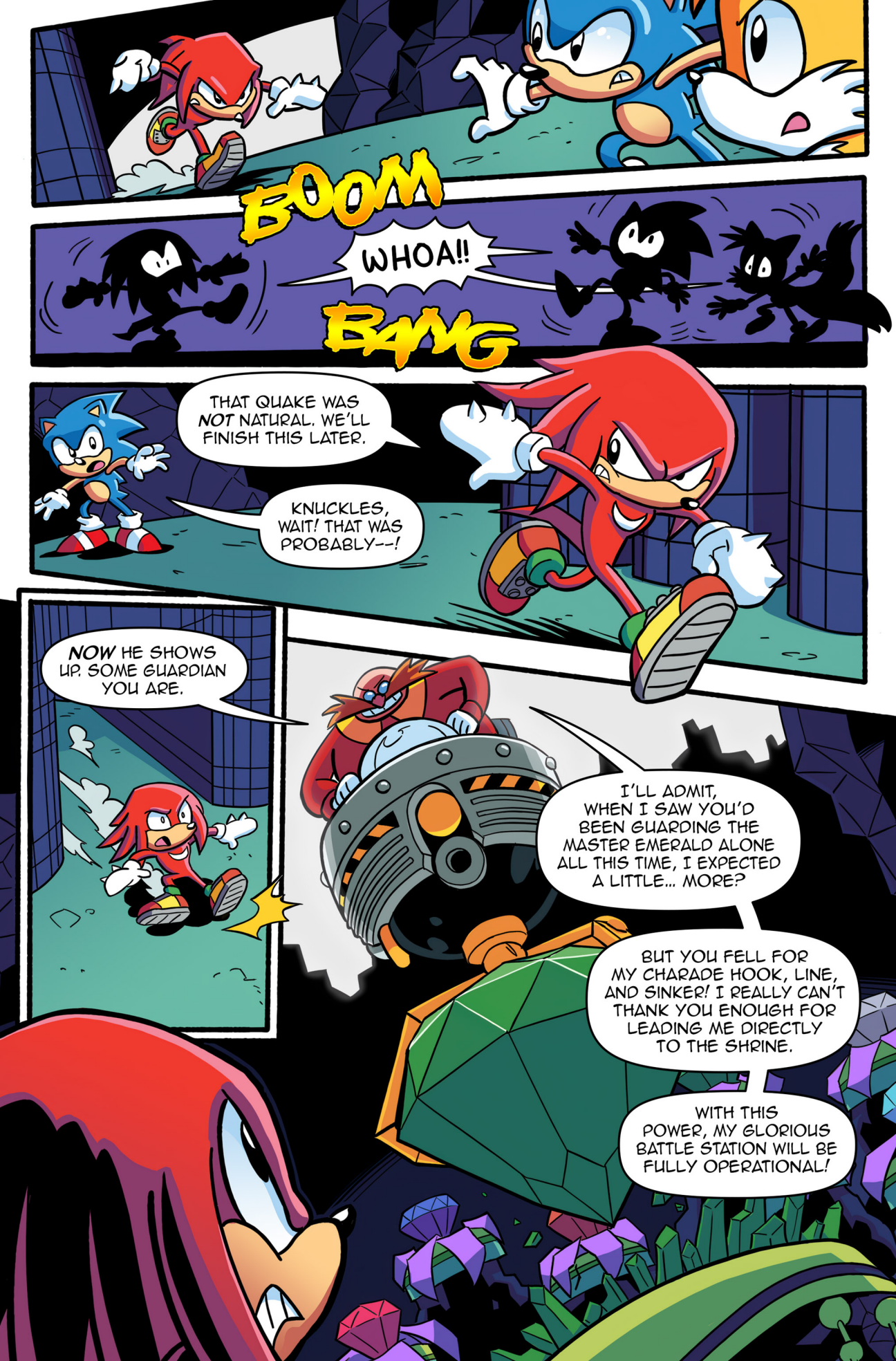
ANGEL ISLAND
HIDDEN PALACE ZONE
THE DEATH EGG'S POWERED ON AGAIN! WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME, SONIC!
HEH, EGGMAN NEEDS SOME NEW MATERIAL. WHAT IS THIS, THE THIRD TIME HE'LL LAUNCH THE THING?
GENESIS OF A HERO
Part Four:
END OF AN ERA


SONIC, WAIT UP!
TAILS, IT'S NOT GONNA JUMP OUT AND BITE YOU.
NOT THAT. LOOK.
WHOA...
IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE... YOU?
CAN'T DENY THE RESEMBLANCE, BUT *WOW*, DOES SIR BALDS'ALOT RUIN THE WHOLE COMPOSITION. ANYWAYS--
STEP AWAY FROM THE MURAL.

YOU'VE DEFACED MY HOME ENOUGH. THIS ENDS HERE!
UGH.
DUDE, WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS. HAVE YOU NOT NOTICED THE GIANT FLYING WEAPON SHAPED LIKE EGGMAN'S FACE?! HE'S USING YOU!
USE YOUR HEAD INSTEAD OF YOUR FISTS. YOU'RE JUST A PAWN IN HIS SCHEME!
TALK ALL YOU WANT. YOU'RE NOT GETTING ANYWHERE NEAR THE MASTER EMERALD.
STOP DEFLECTING EVERYTHING I--
--SAY.
SKYOW

FIGURES. ALL BARK, NO--
--OOF!
NOT SO FUN TO BE ON THE RECEIVING END, IS IT?
POW!
RRRRRAAAAAAUGH!


KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF SONIC, JERK!
EEP! NOT THE TAILS, NOT THE TAILS!
WHIP
WHIP
HERE, BLUE. YOU DROPPED THIS.
GOTCHA!
OOF!
YOU OKAY, TAILS?
YEAH. HOW DO WE GET THROUGH TO THIS GUY?

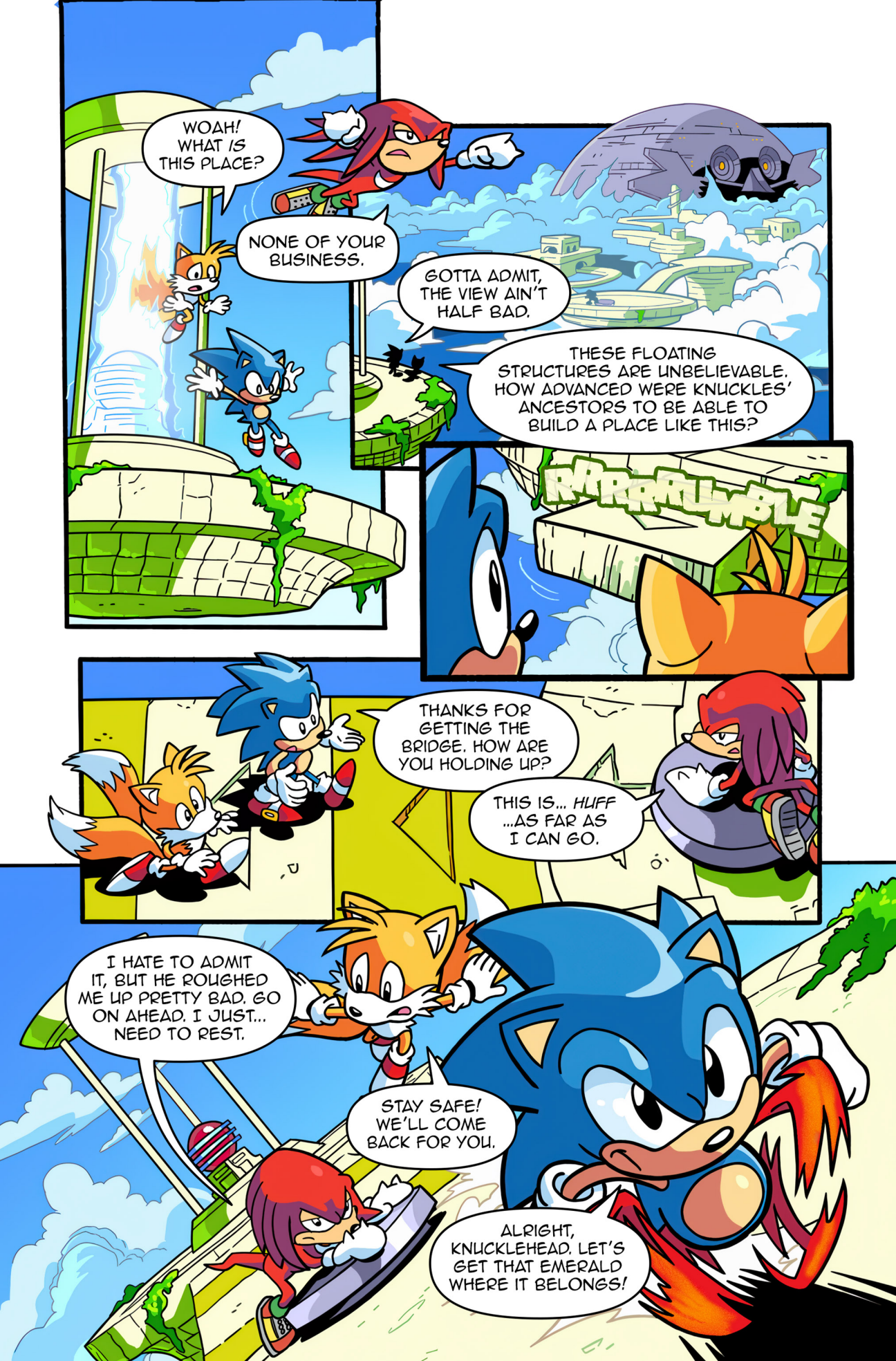

BOOM
WHOA!!
BANG
THAT QUAKE WAS NOT NATURAL. WE'LL FINISH THIS LATER.
KNUCKLES, WAIT! THAT WAS PROBABLY--!
NOW HE SHOWS UP. SOME GUARDIAN YOU ARE.
I'LL ADMIT, WHEN I SAW YOU'D BEEN GUARDING THE MASTER EMERALD ALONE ALL THIS TIME, I EXPECTED A LITTLE... MORE?
BUT YOU FELL FOR MY CHARADE HOOK, LINE, AND SINKER! I REALLY CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR LEADING ME DIRECTLY TO THE SHRINE.
WITH THIS POWER, MY GLORIOUS BATTLE STATION WILL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL!

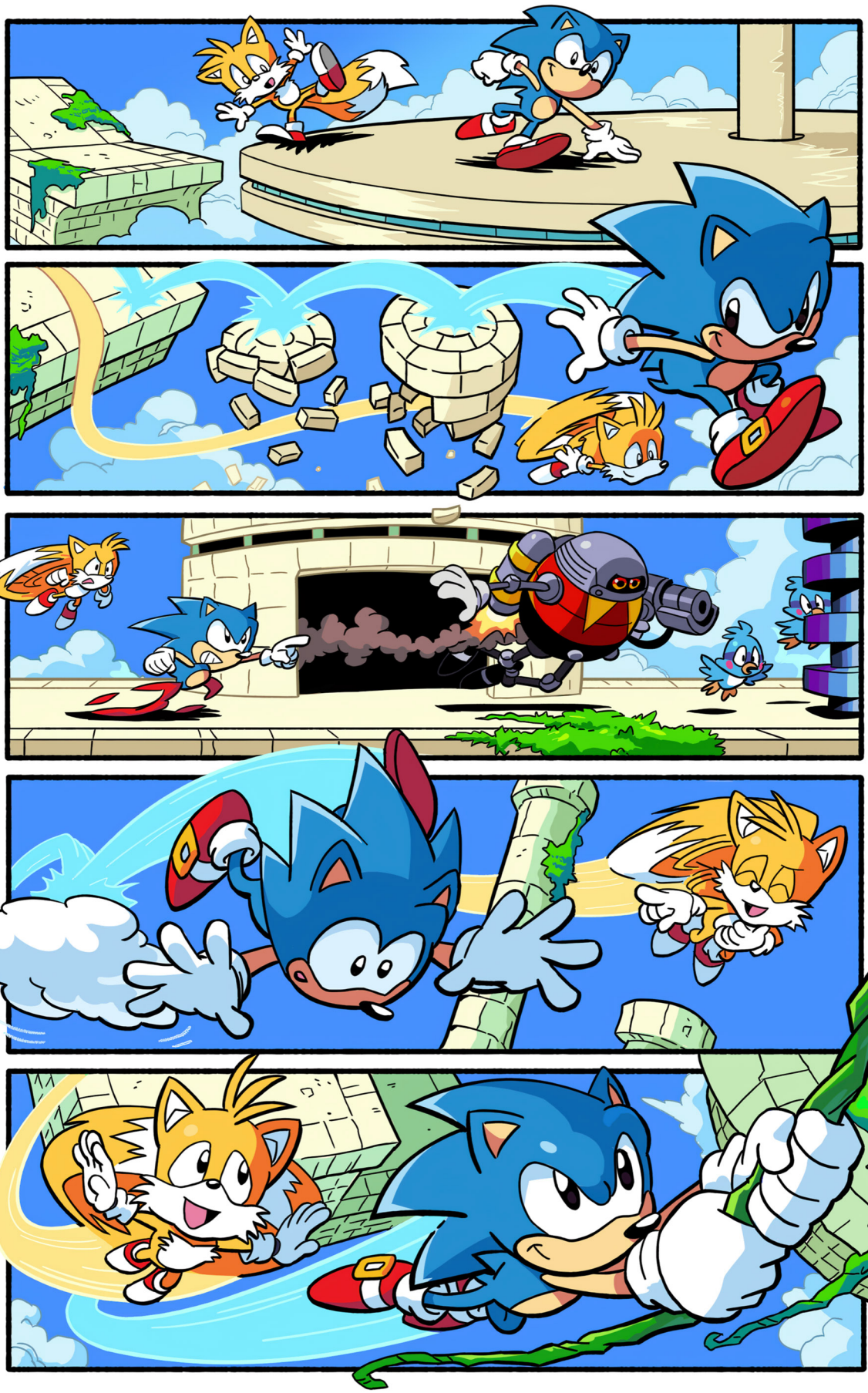
WAIT... BUT, YOU SAID HE WAS THE THIEF AND...
SEE KNUCKLES, YOU CAN'T JUST BELIEVE THE FIRST THING YOU...
...YOU KNOW WHAT? I'LL JUST LET YOU DO YOUR THING.
THE FIRES! THE REASON MY ISLAND IS IN THE OCEAN! IT WAS YOU!
GAH!
ARE YOU TRYING TO BREAK IT, YOU IMBECILE?!
HAVE TO ADMIT, IT'S CATHARTIC SEEING SOMEONE ELSE STICK IT TO RO-BUTT-NIK!
LET'S GRAB THE EMERALDS WHILE HE'S DISTRACTED!
AWW, EGGMAN, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE!

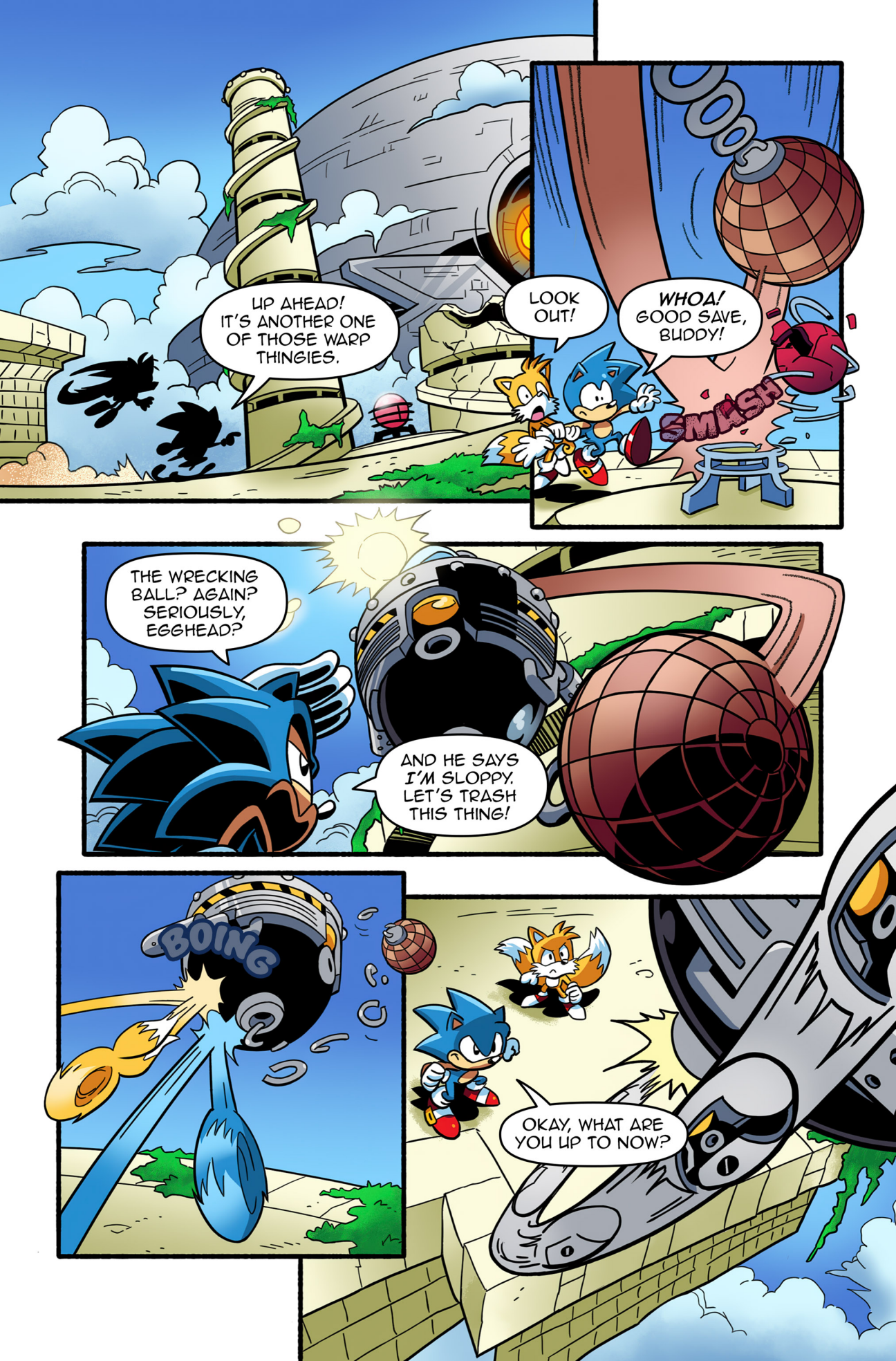
YOU LIED TO ME, RUINED MY HOME, AND YOU THINK I'M GONNA LET YOU RUN OFF WITH MY EMERALD?!
YES, ACTUALLY! IT WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST RASH DECISION YOU MADE WITH IT, WOULD IT?
NOW THEN, I HAVE A WORLD TO CONQUER.
BLAZE
KNUCKLES!
WHOA! ARE YOU OKAY?!
WHUMP
TURNING YOUR BACK ON ME? YOU'RE GETTING SLOPPY, RODENT.
KA
BOOM

UGH, MY HEAD'S SPINNING.
YOU'RE TELLING ME.
IT'S TOO HIGH UP FOR ME TO FLY, SONIC!
NOT TO MENTION WE LEFT THE EMERALDS UP THERE. LET'S LOOK AROUND.
URGH... EGGMAN...
OH RIGHT, THIS GUY. NEED A HAND?
WAIT! LOOK, WE DIDN'T START OFF ON THE BEST FOOT, BUT...
I'M FINDING EGGMAN. ALONE.
OF ALL THE THICK-HEADED...
LOOK, KNUCKLES. CLEARLY THE WHOLE "PUNCH FIRST, THINK LATER" STRATEGY ISN'T WORKING FOR YOU. YOU CAN BARELY WALK! LET US HELP.
I'VE NEVER NEEDED HELP FROM--
CAN YOU JUST LISTEN?

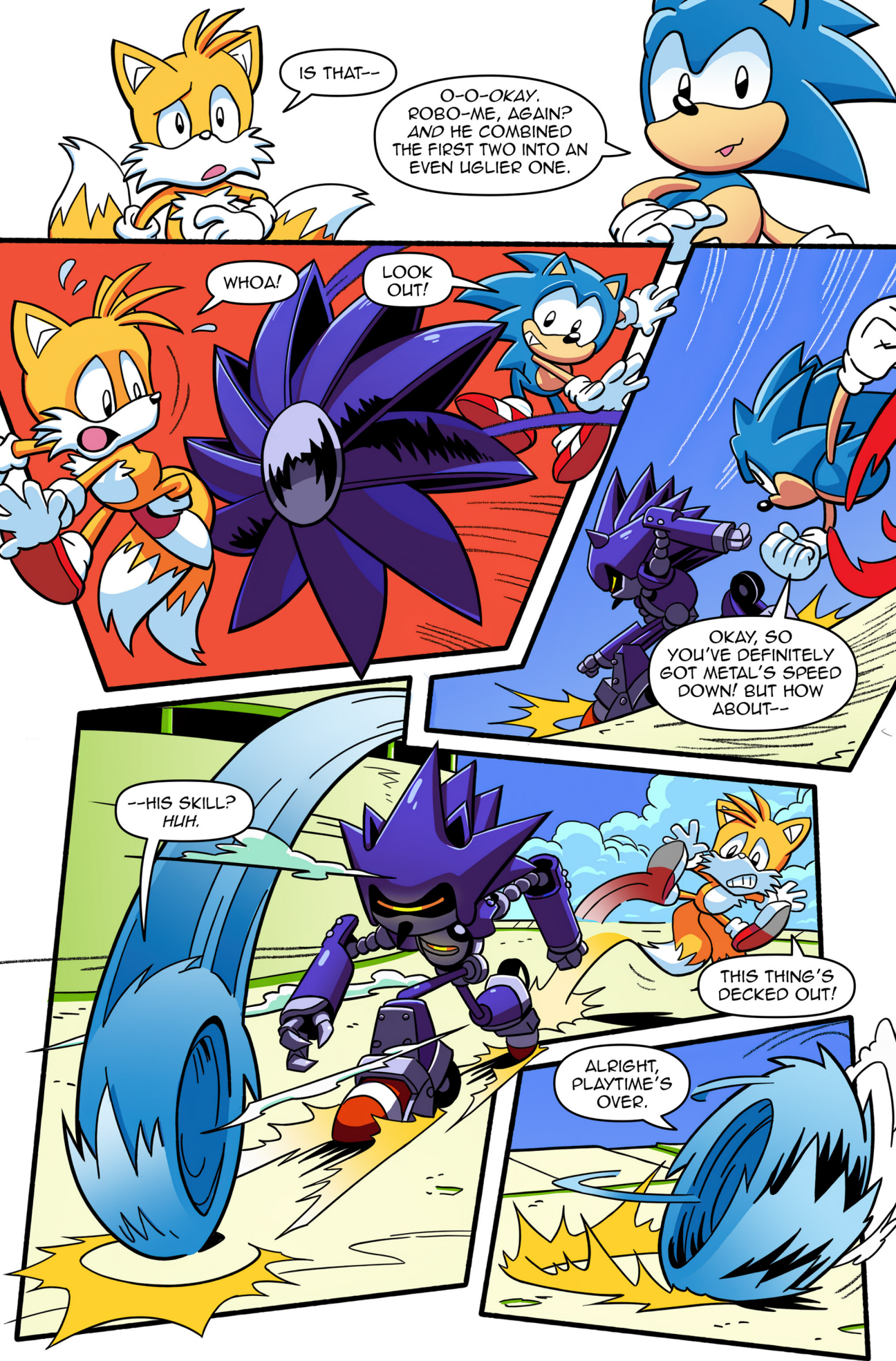
SIGH.
I'M REALLY NOT IN THE MOOD TO ARGUE. IF YOU INSIST ON TAGGING ALONG...
HYAH!!
...THIS IS THE FASTEST WAY.
WHAA!!

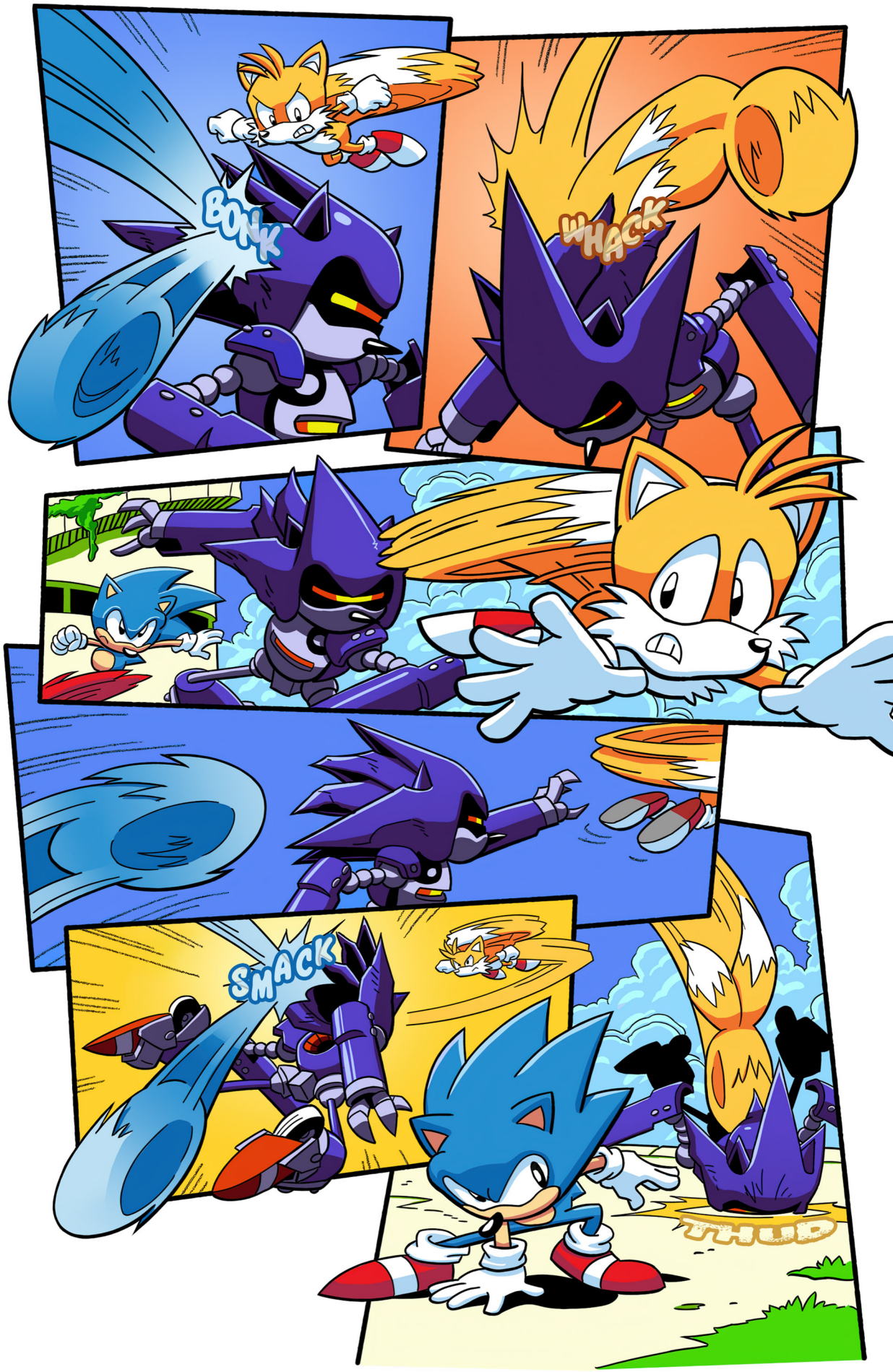

WOAH! WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
GOTTA ADMIT, THE VIEW AIN'T HALF BAD.
THESE FLOATING STRUCTURES ARE UNBELIEVABLE. HOW ADVANCED WERE KNUCKLES' ANCESTORS TO BE ABLE TO BUILD A PLACE LIKE THIS?
RRRRRUMBLE
THANKS FOR GETTING THE BRIDGE. HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP?
THIS IS... HUFF ...AS FAR AS I CAN GO.
I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT HE ROUGHED ME UP PRETTY BAD. GO ON AHEAD. I JUST... NEED TO REST.
STAY SAFE! WE'LL COME BACK FOR YOU.
ALRIGHT, KNUCKLEHEAD. LET'S GET THAT EMERALD WHERE IT BELONGS!

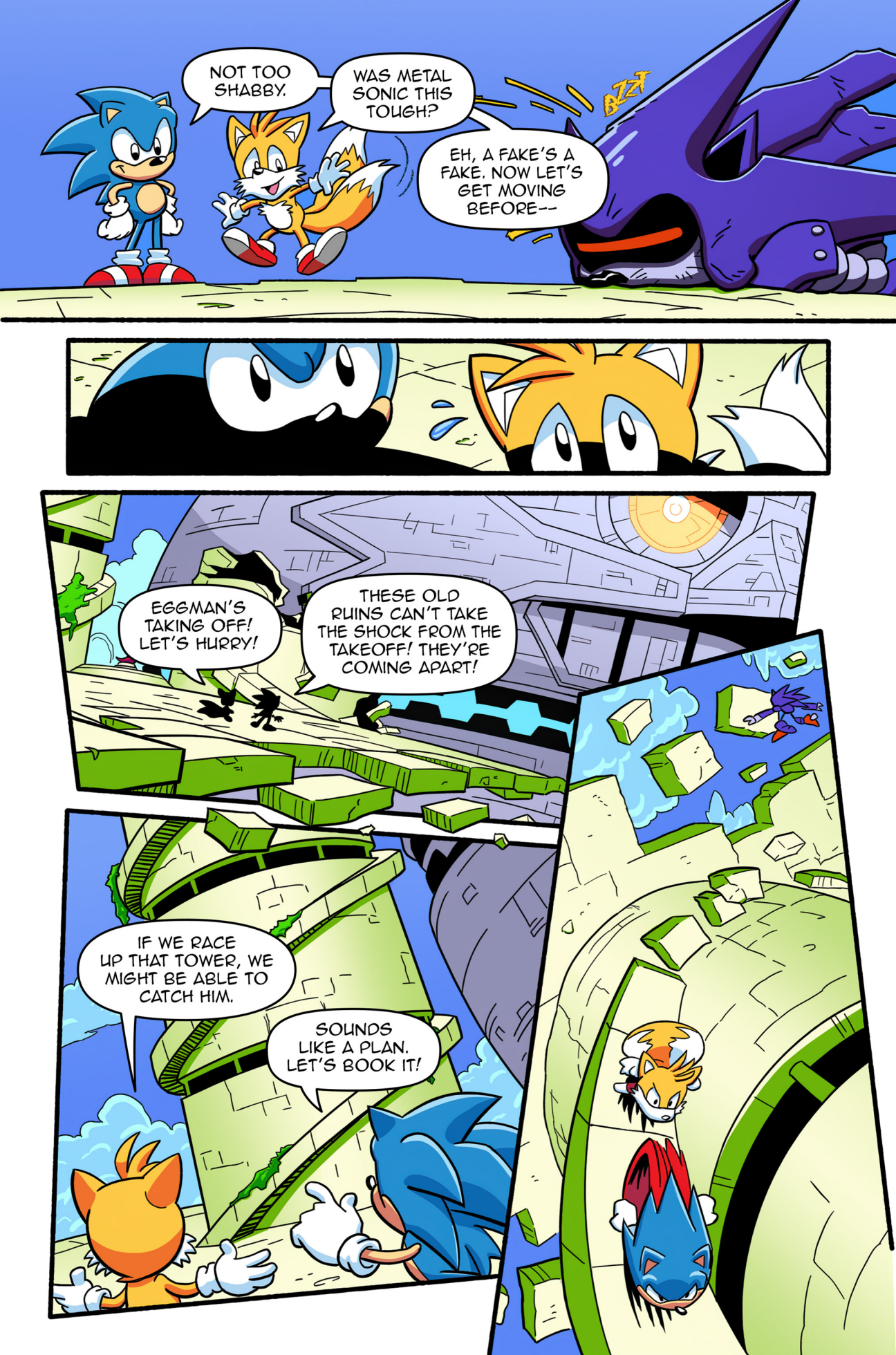


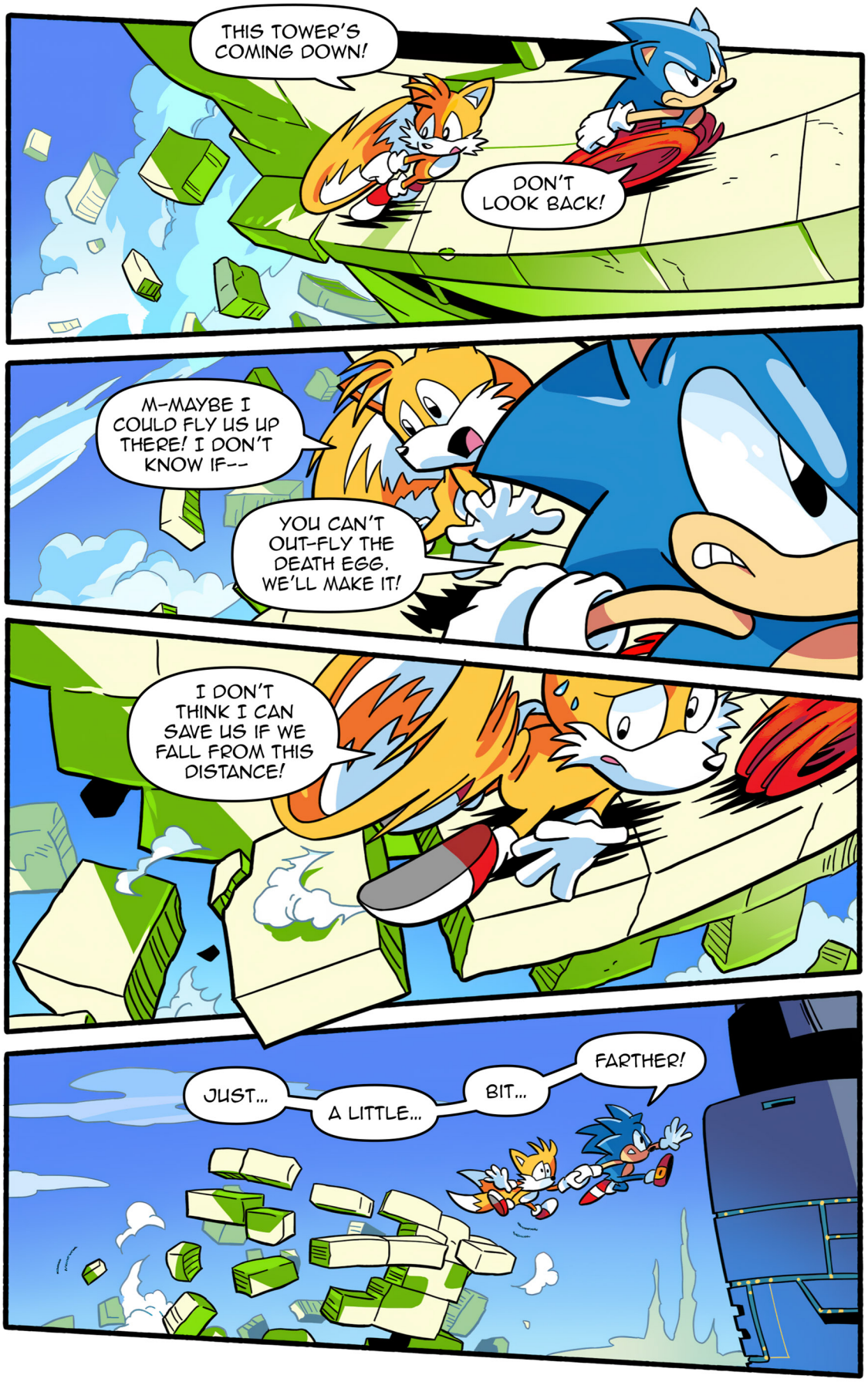

UP AHEAD! IT'S ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE WARP THINGIES.
LOOK OUT!
WHOA! GOOD SAVE, BUDDY!
SMASH
THE WRECKING BALL? AGAIN? SERIOUSLY, EGGHEAD?
AND HE SAYS I'M SLOPPY. LET'S TRASH THIS THING!
BOING
OKAY, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW?

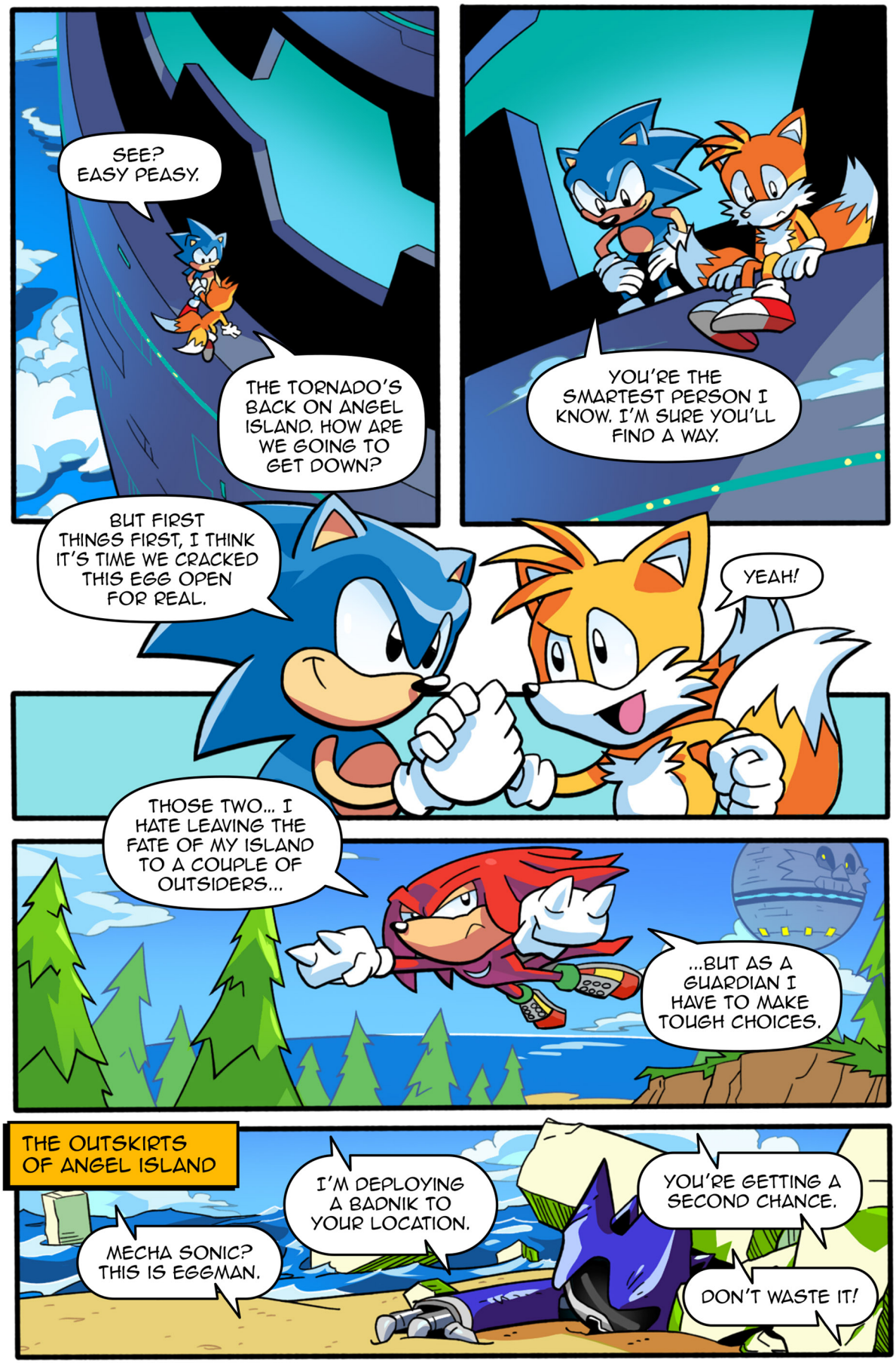
OH, WHAT? THIS IS JUST THE MACHINE WE FOUGHT IN METROPOLIS AGAIN. WHERE'S THE ORIGINALITY? THE CHARM?
MAKES THINGS EASIER FOR US.
TOO TRUE.
E-EGGMAN?! I DIDN'T MEAN TO HIT YOU THAT HARD!
THUD


IS THAT--
O-O-OKAY. ROBO-ME, AGAIN? AND HE COMBINED THE FIRST TWO INTO AN EVEN UGLIER ONE.
WHOA!
LOOK OUT!
OKAY, SO YOU'VE DEFINITELY GOT METAL'S SPEED DOWN! BUT HOW ABOUT--
--HIS SKILL? HUH.
THIS THING'S DECKED OUT!
ALRIGHT, PLAYTIME'S OVER.


BONK
WHACK
SMACK
THUD


NOT TOO SHABBY.
WAS METAL SONIC THIS TOUGH?
EH, A FAKE'S A FAKE. NOW LET'S GET MOVING BEFORE--
BZZT
EGGMAN'S TAKING OFF! LET'S HURRY!
THESE OLD RUINS CAN'T TAKE THE SHOCK FROM THE TAKEOFF! THEY'RE COMING APART!
IF WE RACE UP THAT TOWER, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM.
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN. LET'S BOOK IT!


THIS TOWER'S COMING DOWN!
DON'T LOOK BACK!
M-MAYBE I COULD FLY US UP THERE! I DON'T KNOW IF--
YOU CAN'T OUT-FLY THE DEATH EGG. WE'LL MAKE IT!
I DON'T THINK I CAN SAVE US IF WE FALL FROM THIS DISTANCE!
JUST...
A LITTLE...
BIT...
FARTHER!


SEE? EASY PEASY.
THE TORNADO'S BACK ON ANGEL ISLAND. HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET DOWN?
YOU'RE THE SMARTEST PERSON I KNOW. I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND A WAY.
BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST, I THINK IT'S TIME WE CRACKED THIS EGG OPEN FOR REAL.
YEAH!
THOSE TWO... I HATE LEAVING THE FATE OF MY ISLAND TO A COUPLE OF OUTSIDERS...
...BUT AS A GUARDIAN I HAVE TO MAKE TOUGH CHOICES.
THE OUTSKIRTS OF ANGEL ISLAND
MECHA SONIC? THIS IS EGGMAN.
I'M DEPLOYING A BADNIK TO YOUR LOCATION.
YOU'RE GETTING A SECOND CHANCE.
DON'T WASTE IT!

THIS GENESIS OF A HERO MAY BE FINISHED, BUT THE STORY CONTINUES!
STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT EXCITING ISSUE OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG FROM THE ARCHIE SONIC RESTORED TEAM!

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RELAUNCHED EDITORIAL COMMENTARY!

Welcome back to the Sonic Spin!

At Long Last!
It's been close to 10 years, but Archie Sonic is back!! Through the hard work of many volunteers on both ASO and the original ASR teams, we present Part 4 of "Genesis of a Hero!" We especially have to thank all of the original Archie Sonic staff members who contributed too, for without them, we wouldn't know how this story would have ended! Be sure to support them whether online or in-person at conventions, (like Sonic Expo, Sonic Neon Summit, or Sonic Revolution!)
Get ready for our Issue #292, where Sonic and his friends all go on their own separate adventures after saving the world - Again!
Also be on the look out for our other series, Sonic Universe Restored, where in the upcoming Issue #96, Blaze and Bunnie team up to take on a new mysterious threat in the Sol Dimension! As well as an updated release of the original ASR's team's Issue #95!
All of this and more coming to you soon in 2025 and 2026!

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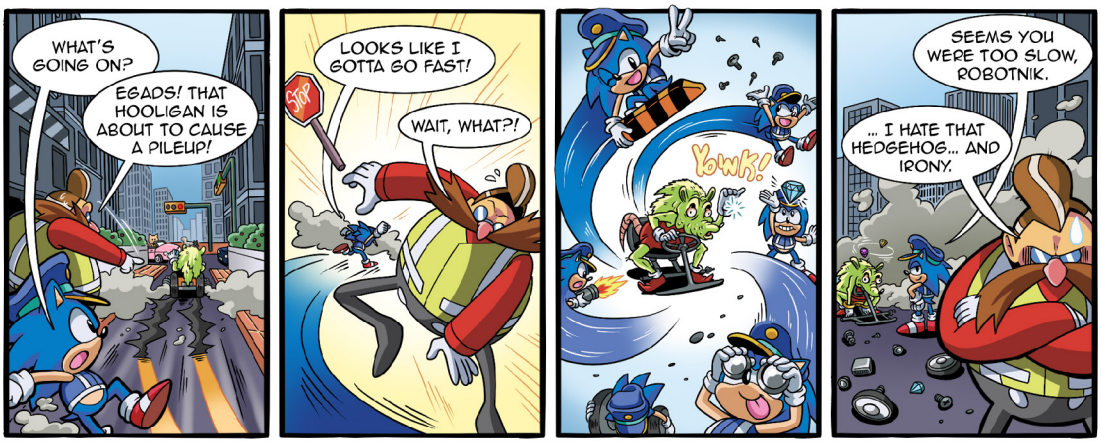
- THE ADVENTURES OF - OFFICER SONIC PT. 4 Traffic Sham


WHAT'S GOING ON?
EGADS! THAT HOOLIGAN IS ABOUT TO CAUSE A PILEUP!
LOOKS LIKE I GOTTA GO FAST!
STOP
WAIT, WHAT?!
KAWK!
SEEMS YOU WERE TOO SLOW, ROBOTNIK.
... I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG... AND IRONY.

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SONIC-GRAMS

Welcome to ASR's first ever Sonic-Grams! We dug into the old ASO mailbag for some of these, so let's answer some of your burning questions!!!

To Sonic Grams: Would the team ever consider doing their own take on recent canon stories like Forces, Metal Virus, or Frontiers?
- Ultra Sonic

Hello there! Yes, we are considering some of these stories, and even have plans for "Forces" too! While "Frontiers" may be a little harder because of its ties to the IDW series, we're looking to also tackle some of the other Modern games too!

Hello there, I've been here since you guys decided to merge with Archie Sonic Restoration, I wanted to ask 2 questions about your plans on the post-SGW universe:
1) are you guys going to include the IDW Sonic characters (like Tangle and Whisper?)
2) is there going to be a crossover between ASO and ASR in the future?
Thank for your time and your answer.

P.S. as a fan of your work you are doing great.
- rea6815-2001-123hay

Many of us on the team are fans of the power couple Tangle & Whisper! However, for both them and other IDW characters, we're likely just going to do some fun cameos instead!
Especially with "Forces" on the horizon!
As for a cross-over between ASO & ASR, unfortunately it's not likely due to many factors.

BUT there's still a chance at maybe a fun non-canon mini-special!

What's going on with Archie Sonic Restoration right now? Is it on hiatus?
- Anon

ASO and the original Restoration team have merged under one organization now!
The new ASR team consists of both members of both teams, as well as new faces that have joined to help bring back the fun potential the Post-Reboot universe had to offer!

To the Staff of Sonic Online: Will there be another story for the post reboot?
- Anon

Yes indeed, we're planning to finish up the story left-off by the original Archie team first.

At the same time weaving in original stories that fit the Post-Reboot universe, though maybe with a few new small changes to make things more interesting! (Like special Cameos, Easter Eggs, and more to keep an eye out for!)

Hey, Sonic-Grams, so, I've been reading your comics and i really love how you're continuing both Preboot and Reboot eras. My question... for reboot (ASR): any plans to adapt the Metal Virus Saga since it was originally planned for Archie?
- Anon

We've definitely discussed this arc internally about ways we could try it, but "Forces" is taking priority right now. It may be some time, since we don't want to bombard our favorite hedgehog and his friends with two back-to-back apocolytpic adventures, but keep an eye out for future updates!

That's it for ASR's First Issue Sonic-Grams! We're excited to bring you all back to the Post-Reboot Era, and can't wait for you to join us for the next issue! Be sure to send your message or question for a chance to be in our next release, Issue #292!!!
Keep on juicin'!

NEXT ISSUE:

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